crores. The scheme covers 32 thermal power stations comprising 156 generating units. In addition, two thermal power stations are being renovated under State Plan. The programme was scheduled to be completed in 3-4 years.

1480. [*Transferred to the 18th March, 1987.*]

Training institutes for power and electricity

1481. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) how many training institutes have so far been established by the Union Government for imparting training in regard to various aspects of power and electricity; and

(b) whether in view of the huge power generation in the State of Madhya Pradesh the Central Government consider establishing one such institute in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The following five training institutes in the power sector have been set up by the Central Government, which are now under the Power Engineers Training Society:—

1. Thermal Power Stations Personnel Training Institute, Nagpur.

2. Thermal Power Stations Personnel Training Institute, Durgapur.

3. Thermal Power Stations Personnel Training Institute, Badarpur (New Delhi).

4. Thermal Power Stations Personnel Training Instiute Neyveli.

5. Power Systems Training Institute, including Hot Line Training Centre at Bangalore.

(b) There is no proposal at present to set up a power training institute of the Central Government in Madhya Pradesh.

Arrears of State Electricity Boards

1482. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 594 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th November, 1986 and state:

(a) what are the arrears of State Electricity Boards to National Thermal Power Corporation and National Hydro-electric Power Corporation as on the 28th February, 1987; and

(b) what are the details of the steps taken to recover the arrears?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The cumulative arrears due to the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) from the State Electricity Boards and other beneficiaries, as on 28-2-1987, are Rs. 244.18 crores, excluding surcharge on account of delayed payment. In addition, a sum of Rs. 465.60 crores (excluding surcharge) is due to the NTPC from the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking in respect of sale of power from the Badarpur Thermal Power Station.

The arrears due to the National Hydro-electric Power Corporation (NHPC) from various beneficiaries as on 28-2-1987, are Rs. 43.47 crores.

(b) The NTPC and the NHPC are actively pursuing the recovery of their dues with the State Electricity Boards and Undertakings concerned. The State Governments have also been requested to advise their State Electricity Boards to open Letters of Credit, as per the agreements for supply of power concluded with the NTPC and the NHPC. The issue of outstanding dues was discussed in the Conference of Chairmen of the State Electricity Boards held in December, 1986 and in the Conference of State Power Ministers held in January, 1987.